

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment cancels, without prejudice, claims 2-33.

It is respectfully submitted that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are therefore respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the below-named attorney for any issues in the present application.

The underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE03/02541 includes an International Search Report, dated November 4, 2003, a copy of which is submitted herewith.

Applicants assert that the subject matter of the present application is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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